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C O N F I D E N T I A L RANGOON 2948

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: SHUM, BM

SUBJECT: WORLD CONFERENCE TO COMBAT RACISM AND RACIAL  
DISCRIMINATION

REF: STATE 204786

1. IN ACCORDANCE WITH REFERENCED INSTRUCTION, CHARGE MET  
WITH DEPUTY FOREIGN MINISTER U TIN OHN ON AUGUST 15 TO  
CONVEY US POSITION ON WORLD CONFERENCE TO COMBAT RACISM AND  
RACIAL DISCRIMINATION AND TO PRESENT AIDE MEMOIRE. FOLLOWING  
THIS PRESENTATION, THE DEPUTY FOREIGN MINISTER REPLIED THAT  
BURMA DID NOT ACCEPT THE DOCTRINE THAT ZIONISM WAS A FORM  
OF RACISM AND HAD NEVER SUPPORTED THIS IN INTERNATIONAL FORA.  
HE WAS SILENT AS TO WHETHER BURMA WOULD TAKE ANY ACTION TO  
MAKE ITS VIEWS KNOWN TO THE KEY AFRICAN PARTICIPANTS, THOUGH  
HE IMPLIED THAT NO ADDITIONAL INSTRUCTIONS WOULD BE SENT TO  
TO THEGUB DELEGATION.

2. COMMENT: ON LEAVING THE MINISTRY, U BAN YIN, DEPUTY  
DIRECTOR FOR INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS, WHO WAS ALSO  
PRESENT AT THE MEETING, SAID THAT BURMA ALWAYS ABSTAINED ON  
THE QUESTION OF ZIONISM AND RACISM. GIVEN BURMA'S RELUCTANCE  
TO ATTEMPT TO INFLUENCE THE POSITIONS OF OTHER COUNTRIES  
ON INTERNATIONAL QUESTIONS, WE DOUBT VERY MUCH THEY WILL  
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TAKE ANY INITIATIVES AT THE CONFERENCE, AND WILL MOST  
LIKELY ABSTAIN IF THIS QUESTION COMES TO A VOTE.  
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